

**LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP  
SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

ORDINANCE 2017-14

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER XIII OF THE REVISED GENERAL  
ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE, ZONING, SECTIONS 13-5 AND 13-  
17, REGARDING SPECIAL AWARD OF DISTINCTION OR RECOGNITION SIGNS

WHEREAS, the Land Use Board of the Township of Lafayette has reviewed its current zoning ordinances and determined that changes are necessary to allow special award of distinction or recognition signs as temporary signs within the Township of Lafayette;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee that Chapter XIII of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Lafayette, Zoning, shall be and is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1. §13-5, Definitions, shall be revised by the addition of the following:

*Sign, special award of distinction or recognition* shall mean a temporary sign acknowledging that a business was the recipient of a formal award or noteworthy achievement.

Section 2. §13.17.7(a) shall be revised by the addition of the following:

8. Special award of distinction or recognition signs

Section 3. A new §13-17.10(c) shall be revised by adding a new subsection (d), Special award of distinction or recognition signs, and renumbering what is currently sections 13-7.10(d) through (g) so that they shall be renumbered (e) through (h), as follows:

d. *Special award of distinctions or recognition signs.* A special award of distinction or recognition sign shall be permitted only within the HC, LI and VC Zone Districts of Lafayette Township. Such signs are subject to the following restrictions:

1. Only one (1) temporary sign shall be permitted, so that if a temporary holiday season sign or any other temporary sign is displayed, no additional temporary signs shall be permitted upon that property at the same time including a special award of distinction or recognition sign.

2. Each tenant on a property shall be entitled to one (1) special award of distinction or recognition sign.

3. A permitted special award of distinction or recognition sign shall not be counted with the 56-day period established for special promotion, event and grand opening signs permitted by 13-17.10b.

4. A special award of distinction or recognition sign may be displayed for not more than 120 days in any calendar year.

5. The total area of the special award of distinction or recognition sign shall not exceed twenty-four (24) square feet.

6. Allowable special award of distinction or recognition signs may be double sided to allow for viewing from two (2) directions.

7. The sign shall be professionally printed.

8. No special award of distinction or recognition sign shall be erected until the proper permit is obtained; however, there is no fee for a special award of distinction or recognition sign permit per subsection 13-17.7(a)8.

e. *Public or Nonprofit Organization Purposes.*

f. *Political Signs.*

g. *Construction Signs.*

h. *A-frame Signs.*

Section 4. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such provision(s) shall be deemed severable and the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5. All ordinances or parts of ordinances or resolutions that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 6. The Township Clerk is directed to give notice at least ten days prior to the hearing on the adoption of this Ordinance to the County Planning Board and to all others entitled pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:55D-15. Upon the adoption of this Ordinance, after public hearing, the Township Clerk is further directed to publish notice of the passage and to file a copy of this Ordinance, as finally adopted, with the Sussex County Planning Board, as required by N.J.S.A. 40:55D-16.

Section 7. This Ordinance shall take effect after publication and passage according to law.

#### NOTICE

The above entitled Ordinance was introduced and passed at first reading by the Lafayette Township Committee at a meeting held on June 7, 2017 and after publication and a public hearing was finally adopted by the Lafayette Township Committee at a meeting held on July 5, 2017.

Mayor:

Municipal Clerk: